

Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women

2009 Annual Report

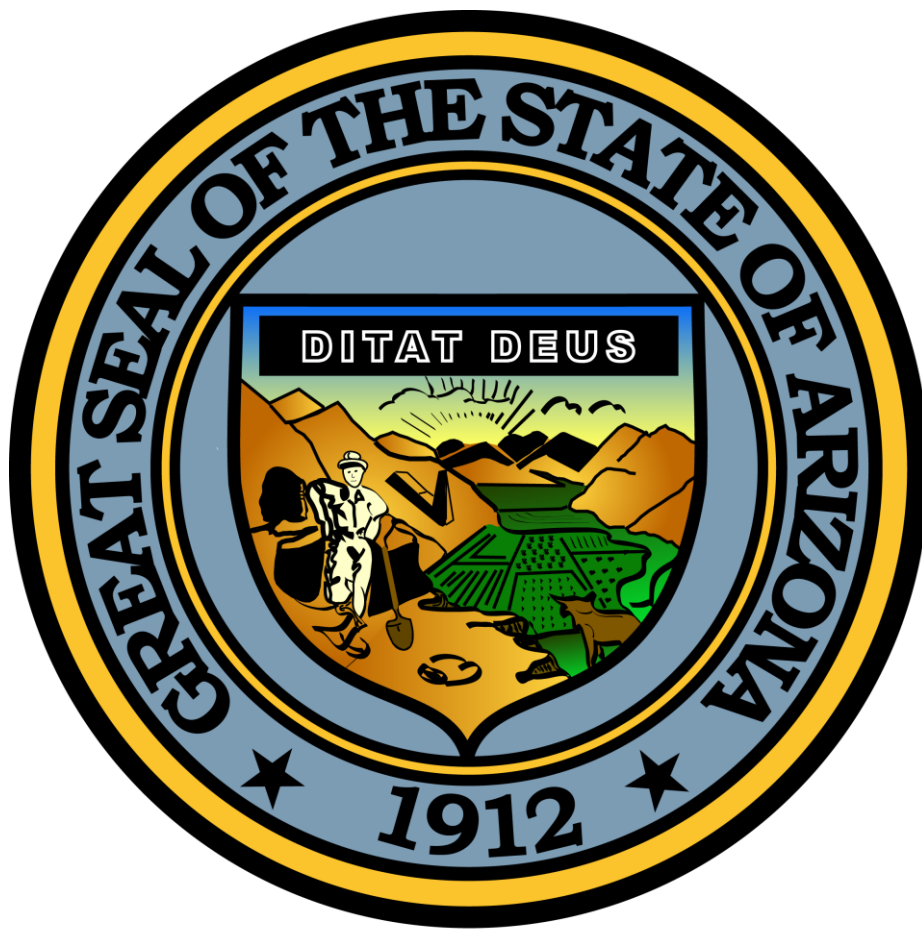



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History and Introduction

The Governor's Office developed a multidisciplinary task force to decrease the prevalence of violence against women in Arizona in 1992. The following year, the Governor's Commission on Violence Against Women was established by Executive Order 93-19. Violence prevention efforts continued in 2001 as the Governor's Commission on Prevention of Family Violence. In 2003, the Commission on Prevention of Family Violence evolved into the Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women, created by Executive Order 2003-13 and renewed by Executive Order 2008-12 in February 2008.

Led by Vikki Shirley, Chair, and Virginia Yrun, Vice Chair, the Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women (CPVAW) continues to work on ending violence against women statewide. The CPVAW provides leadership for Arizona's response to emerging trends related to violence against women and serves as a forum to receive input from community stakeholders. Finally, the CPVAW shepherds implementation of the 2004 State Plan on Domestic and Sexual Violence: A Guide for Safety and Justice in Arizona, and updates it as needed.

The following report summarizes Commission activities, priorities identified by Commissioners for 2009-2010 as well as the progress made by Arizona community members towards the accomplishment of the State Plan recommendations. Areas of accomplishment are listed by the following sections of the State Plan: Prevention/Early Intervention, Victim Services/Crisis Response, Criminal Justice, Offender Treatment and Accountability, Sexual Violence, Data Collection, and Children Who Witness Domestic Violence.

Commission membership roster, staff listing and law enforcement statistics are provided as appendices.

Commission Priorities

2009-2010 Priorities of the Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women

The following are the priorities identified by the Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women for the 2009-2010 calendar years. Issues are aligned with the chapters of the 2004 State Plan and are listed below in order of priority as stated by Commissioners:

Chapter: Offender Treatment / Accountability

Priority 1: Judges should receive more training on victimology and domestic violence and hold offenders more accountable.

Chapter: Victim Services

Priority 2: Domestic violence providers should collaborate with substance abuse and mental health providers to enhance services.

Chapter: Children

Priority 3: Parent education to prevent child abuse should be available in a variety of languages.

Chapter: Prevention / Early Intervention

Priority 4: Establish or utilize youth programs focused on developing healthy relationships, bullying, sexual harassment, dating violence, and bystander intervention.

Chapter: Data Collection

Priority 5: Establish domestic violence fatality review teams to identify and mitigate system failure.

Chapter: Sexual Assault

Priority 6: Explore the needs/incidence of sexual assault among older victim populations.

Chapter: Criminal Justice

Priority 7: Promote increased understanding by law enforcement of the connections between violations of orders of protection, stalking and lethality.

2009 Activities Related to Commission Priorities

This section encompasses information on 2009 statewide activities related to the Commission Priorities as submitted to the Governor's Division for Women. Many activities occurred that were not submitted as part of this report.

Priority 1: Offender Treatment and Accountability:

Judges should receive more training on victimology and domestic violence and hold offenders more accountable.

Administrative Offices of the Court

All judges who are newly elected or appointed to the bench are required to attend New Judge Orientation (NJO). The Education Services Division, Administrative Office of the Courts conducts NJO every year. General jurisdiction (superior court) judges attend two one-week sessions in their first year. Limited jurisdiction (municipal and justice court) judges participate three full weeks (over two sessions) in their first year. Judges in the limited jurisdiction courts, which handle most of the protective order petitions, receive four hours of domestic violence training during NJO. General jurisdiction judges receive specialized training about domestic violence as it affects custody, parenting time, and other family law cases.

A Judicial Conference was held on June 17-18, 2009. The conference included mandatory training for judges and featured two domestic violence sessions sponsored by the Committee on the Impact of Domestic Violence and the Courts (CIDVC), a standing committee of the Arizona Judicial Council.

The Arizona Supreme Court partnered with the Glendale Police Department, Glendale City Court, and the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence in planning and curriculum development for the first annual Domestic Violence Summit (October 5, 2009) and a satellite broadcast (October 27, 2009.) The summit provided multidisciplinary training for judges and court staff, law enforcement, prosecutors, and victim advocates. The summit and satellite broadcast were funded by a STOP grant obtained by the Glendale Police Department.

The Arizona Supreme Court received a Recovery Act STOP Grant to fund an education specialist in the Education Services Division, Administrative Office of the Court (AOC). The specialist will develop distance learning domestic violence training modules for judges and court staff as well as a manual for court staff that process petitions for protective orders. The specialist also will plan and organize the second annual Domestic Violence Summit. The grant was approved on August 28, 2009, and will provide funding from September 1, 2009-March 31, 2011.

The AOC policy analyst fields domestic violence-related questions from judicial officers on an on-going basis. AOC also maintains a Court Answer Line, staffed by specialists and support staff, who respond to questions from the courts on many subjects, including domestic violence.

In December 2009, the Commission on Victims in the Courts (COVIC) made a presentation to the Presiding Judges Committee recommending a restitution court model developed by the Superior Court in Maricopa County. The Honorable Roland Steinle, in collaboration with Maricopa County Adult Probation Services, began restitution court in August 2008. Under this program, Judge Steinle enforces

efforts to collect late restitution payments that defendants must pay to victims by applying procedures used to collect child support arrears payments in family court.

Northern Arizona: Page

Page Regional Domestic Violence Services provides a court-ordered domestic violence intervention program for offenders. They work closely with the Magistrate Court and Justice Court to assure offender accountability

Judges are members of the Greater Page Coordinated Community Response Team and attend training when available. In the last fiscal year 92 male offenders were referred to the Making Change Program, 27 completed the program successfully and of those 27, 3 reoffended. Thirty (30) failed to complete the program, 18 never showed up, 7 were released, 3 transferred, and 4 that started within the time period are currently in the program.

Southern Arizona: Tucson

Emerge! has a partnership with the Adult Probation Department of Pima County Superior Court through the grant entitled *Project for Accountability of Domestic Violence Probationers* funded through the Office on Violence Against Women. This project funds a Court Specialist position that provides services to victims who have partners mandated to probation, accompanies victims to court and participates in joint staff meetings with probation officers. This partnership ensures more accountability for the offenders who are violating the terms of their probation by giving victims a voice with judges through the probation officers. Emerge! also regularly provides training on victimology and domestic abuse issues to probation officers and others in the court system.

In 2009, the Adult Probation Department established a Treatment Provider Specialist position within Emerge! who has established an innovative collaboration with the agencies in the Tucson community who provide treatment services for batterers. The Treatment Provider Specialist works with victims whose partners are enrolled in batterer treatment programs and also with the treatment professionals who offer court-ordered services to batterers through ongoing training, technical assistance and risk/lethality assessment. This component of the project will also help in holding the offenders accountable.

Priority 2: Victim Services/Crisis Response:

Domestic Violence Providers should collaborate with substance abuse and mental health providers to enhance services.

Statewide

In 2009, a summary of the 2008 Community Conversation Summary was completed and disseminated. The 142 participants from across the state included representation from substance abuse and mental health providers. A number of priorities identified focused on collaboration with substance abuse and mental health providers to enhance services:

- **Community Collaboration:** Promote the availability of comprehensive services for victims through greater communication and collaboration among and between all service providers. Optimally, communication should occur between emergency domestic violence shelters, mental health providers, homeless shelters, schools and churches.

- **Multi-Service Models:** Connect and collaborate in order to provide as many services on-site as possible, such as the provision of mental health and/or substance abuse support.
- **Training/Education:** Suggested training topics for Domestic Violence service providers included Substance Abuse and Mental Illness. Training for First Responders should include the ability to complete on-scene assessments for mental health and substance abuse needs.

Phoenix

The Phoenix Family Advocacy Center (FAC) refers clients to local programs including Regional Behavioral Health Administration provider Magellan, who has provided on-site crisis intervention teams two times during 2009.

Through Victim of Crime Act, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Victim Assistance, and STOP grants the FAC maintains 2 full-time on-site counselors from EMPACT and New Leaf and one full-time case manager from Jewish Family and Children Services.

When needed, FAC staff refer clients to the S.E.E.D.S. and Momma's House shelter for housing and substance abuse services/referrals for domestic violence and sexual assault victims.

The FAC Director and Victim Services Manager began attending the Coalition for Military Families meetings and the FAC is working to develop a support group for military families in 2010.

Northern Arizona: Page:

Page Regional Domestic Violence Services has an on-going relationship with Community Behavioral Health Services, the mental health and substance abuse service provider in Page. When a client requires domestic violence and mental health related services, interdisciplinary teams meet to provide a collaborative approach to coordinate services needed.

Northern Arizona: Flagstaff

Through a shift in philosophy, Northland Family Help Center collaborates with substance abuse and mental health providers to ensure that services are provided to victims and their family members. Assisting victims in healing their trauma, has proven to be highly effective and impactful for everyone, including staff, clients, and children.

Southern Arizona: Tucson

In August 2009 Emerge! received funding from the Recovery Act STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program through the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families. This funding supports a partnership between Emerge! and CODAC Behavioral Health Services with the recognition that one of the most prevalent issues facing many victims is substance use and abuse. Substance use and abuse is a common coping mechanism and to become free from addiction, victims need the same level of support while going through the recovery process as they do in the healing process. Emerge! seeks to support victims facing these barriers by providing a licensed, master's level clinician whose focus is to provide assessment and support through a "brief" crisis stabilization model. The clinician will utilize the partnership with CODAC to ensure that victims struggling with substance abuse or severe mental illness are connected to specialized services in the community as a means to living a drug free life style. CODAC and Emerge! have agreed to provide joint clinical supervision, joint space for the clinician to provide sessions for participants, and access to any and all services available through CODAC and through the behavioral health system in the Tucson community. In addition, CODAC and Emerge! will provide training for staff at both agencies related to the

intersection of domestic abuse services and substance abuse treatment services as well as the development of better working relationships between staff at both agencies.

Southern Arizona: Yuma

Amberly's Place Victim Center has 4 full time crisis response advocates which respond on-scene with law enforcement on the more serious domestic violence calls. Each year Amberly's Place responds to over 2,000 calls for service with most request being from victims of domestic violence. Amberly's Place is also a member of the Yuma County Anti-Drug Coalition which meets on a monthly basis. This coalition consists of members from area law enforcement; shelters; counseling and rehab agencies; adult probation and victim service agencies; as well as the County Attorney's office. This coalition reviews trends of drug use in Yuma County and looks for solutions to the issues they are facing. This open communication is very beneficial in addressing problems being faced by Yuma County.

Priority 3: Children:

Parent education to prevent child abuse should be available in a variety of languages.

Northern Arizona: Flagstaff

Northland Family Help Center staff work with parents, children, families to help them overcome trauma experienced by individual family members and improve their family communication and interactions through an understanding of the trauma caused by abuse or violence.

Southern Arizona: Tucson

Emerge! employs numerous bilingual staff and all Emerge! services, both for adults and for children, are available in English and Spanish with outside resources used for other languages.

Emerge! offers the *Making it Better Program*, a 12 week series of educational workshops for mothers and children who have experienced domestic abuse. Mothers receive parenting information and support with separate age appropriate groups for children led by Child Case Coordinators and trained volunteers from the University of Arizona. The groups provide supportive environments for mothers and children to talk about the violence they have experienced with others who have similar experiences. Children's groups focus on teaching problem solving, anger management and communication skills with the children learning to identify and talk about feelings, solve problems effectively, handle anger appropriately, and make a safety plan. Teenagers learn about gender stereotypes, coping skills, and healthy dating relationships. Parents discuss how domestic abuse has affected family relationships and learn tools to strengthen relationships with their children.

Emerge! has an active children's program in all residential and non-residential programs and provides individual and group sessions. For younger children who cannot fully participate in individual or group sessions, one of their licensed, master's level bi-lingual clinicians will meet with the family to strengthen the relationship.

Emerge! is a partner with A Window Between Worlds (AWBW), which is based out of Venice, California. AWWB is the only organization in the United States offering comprehensive training and ongoing support and technical assistance to domestic violence programs wishing to use art as a healing tool for battered women and children. Emerge! staff has been trained to lead workshops for both adults and children.

Southern Arizona: Yuma

Yuma County participates in the Children's Justice Project (CJP) by providing a team of trained professionals which provide training on signs and symptoms of abuse as well as how to report. This team is made up of law enforcement, Yuma County Attorney, Child Protective Service Investigator and a CJP Coordinator. The presentations are provided to parents in English and Spanish. Although the main audience for this training is school teachers, word of the high quality of training has spread and each year calls for presentations increase.

Priority 4: Prevention / Early Intervention:

Establish or utilize youth programs focused on developing healthy relationship, bullying, sexual harassment, dating violence, and bystander intervention.

Administrative Offices of the Court

The AOC's Juvenile Justice Services Division administers the Juvenile Crime Reduction Fund (JCRF). In 2009, the following grantees received awards through JCRF:

Grantee	Program Name	Description
Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education	Law for Kids.Org	A website designed for youth to help explain laws in a manner that kids can read quickly and understand easily. Law for Kids.Org promotes law-abiding behavior by providing the information and resources that strengthen youths' resiliency toward risk factors in their lives and improving their decision-making ability. Topics covered are developing healthy relationships, anti-bullying, dating violence, sexual harassment, etc.,
Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education	We The People...The Citizen and the Constitution	A civic education- law related program that uses effective methods to teach anti-violence and anti-delinquency. Topics include: anti-violence; sexual harassment, etc.,
Coconino County Juvenile Court	Step Up Program	A youth mentoring program designed to teach social and empathy skills needed to develop positive relationships with mentors and others. Topics include anti-violence, anti-bullying, dating violence prevention, sexual harassment, etc.
Santa Cruz County Juvenile Court	Santa Cruz Community Advisory Board	Teen Maze - A program that encompasses general social and empathy skills. Topics include: anger control, violence control, anti-bullying, etc.
Cartwright School District	Alternatives to Suspension Program	An alternative educational opportunity for students whose behaviors keep them from being successful during the regular school day. Based

Grantee	Program Name	Description
		on needs, students are referred to Maricopa Gateway Program for counseling services for Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and Multisystemic Therapy (MST). Chicanos por la Causa provides educational counseling support on topics such as anger management, anti-bullying, violence, and general life skills.

Phoenix

The FAC funded the H.E.L.P.S. Program (Highlight Emotional Learning and Personal Safety) at the city of Phoenix HOPE VI site. Missy Gryder, Ph.D., and a master teacher provided separate boys and girls group sessions to children in 1st through 5th grade.

The FAC hosted a booth and made contact with pre-teens and teens at the Sunnyslope Community Fair to share information on healthy relationships.

The FAC supported the 2009 Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Youth Empowerment Project by providing gift certificates to the project winners. In addition, the FAC Operations Manager spoke at the recognition event held at the Heard Museum.

The FAC secured funding from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to develop a brochure that educates youth about the new laws regarding domestic violence and dating relationships.

Phoenix

On October 1, 2009 the Governor's Division for Women facilitated a presentation with Stella Pope Duarte on Healthy Relationships during the 2009 Hispanic Women's Conference. Approximately 425 Latina Teens were present.

Northern Arizona: Flagstaff

Northland Family Help Center's Community Education Dept. provides sexual violence prevention and education. These activities include: PEACE Project, targeting middle and high school students, MARS Project (Men Against Rape and Sexism) targeting college/university students, a bar campaign which targeted local bar/restaurants heavily frequented during Homecoming Weekend. This was the second year for this campaign which involved awareness presentations, information and education, a poster campaign, and newspaper acknowledgements. Fourteen bar/restaurants and one restaurant participated. Topics discussed by all program projects includes: healthy relationships, bullying, sexual harassment, dating violence, bystander intervention, gender stereotypes, and consent.

Northland Family Help Center was very active in recognizing the annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April, through such activities as Take Back the Night March and Vigil, movie presentations, Youthfest, panel discussions, Northland Family Help Center continued its work with juvenile court involved youth addressing the above listed issues/topics.

Northland Family Help Center has developed an on-line training curriculum through Northern Arizona University's VISTA, an online class program for NAU students and community members. The curriculum is being recreated on Moodle.org, an online source for community based learning tools, and

will be linked to Northland Family Help Center's website. Additionally, various funders are interested in working with Northland Family Help Center staff to access/utilize the curriculum.

Northern Arizona: Page

Page Regional Domestic Violence Services Staff made four presentations in local schools to discuss anti-bullying, sexual harassment, dating violence and bystander intervention throughout the year.

Southern Arizona: Tucson

During 2009, the Emerge! Children's Program developed specific psycho-educational curriculum for Children's Groups (which run at each site at least twice weekly) that focus on preventing violence by teaching empathy and pro-social skills. This includes addressing healthy relationships and bullying issues in almost every group aimed at school agers and teens.

The Making it Better Program's teen group focuses specifically on healthy relationships, anti-bullying, sexual rights, and teen dating violence. The Making it Better school age curriculum includes bullying and healthy friendships in its curriculum.

Emerge! has a long-standing partnership with Davis Monthan Air Force Base (DMAFB) to "train the trainer." Emerge! provides training to Air Force Base personnel on topics such as anti-bullying, healthy relationships and dating violence and they then go into all middle schools in the Tucson region providing educational programs in classrooms.

Emerge! has a community childcare center, Angel Children's Center (ACC), that is licensed, nationally accredited, and a Quality First center. It is licensed for 87 children between the ages of eight weeks and twelve years. ACC provides childcare to clients in our other Emerge! programs as well to the community and utilizes the Second Step anti-violence curriculum to teach children and parents about abuse.

Yuma

Amberly's Place in Yuma received a STOP grant in Sept. 2009 to provide training in the elementary and high schools related to cyber crimes, "sexting," internet stalking and dating violence. This training is also offered at Arizona Western College for incoming college freshman. The training also provides guidelines for intervention of these crimes.

Priority 5: Data Collection: Establish domestic violence fatality review teams to identify and mitigate system failure.

Statewide

During 2009, the Division for Women staffed the Domestic Violence Fatality Team Work Group chaired by Apache Junction Police Chief Jerald Monahan. The workgroup's purpose was to encourage communities in Arizona to establish Domestic Violence Fatality Review Teams. By December 2009, Arizona had six (6) Domestic Violence Fatality Review Teams in place. Those teams are located in: City of Phoenix, Pinal County, Town of Sahuarita, Coconino/Flagstaff, Yuma County and Mohave County.

Phoenix

The Phoenix Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team was established in May 2006. The team is staffed by the Family Advocacy Center and includes members of the city's criminal justice team as well as diverse community members who work in the field of domestic violence. During 2009 the team began looking at cases for the 2009-2010 review. Twenty cases are currently being evaluated for the purposes of an in-depth review. Additional research and data is being retrieved in assist in the review.

Southern Arizona: Tucson

Emerge! is a member of the Pima County Domestic Violence Task Force that brings together a variety of organizations to discuss a coordinated community response to domestic violence. Emerge! staff also participates in the Pima County Multidisciplinary Team which looks at the systems, the responses to victims and develops recommendations for improvement. Both of these groups are led by the Pima County Attorney's Office and have existed for several years.

The Pima County Regional Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team began in March 2009 and is comprised of members from Southern Pima, Cochise and Santa Cruz Counties. The Sahuarita Police Department has taken the lead and the team received training in September from Dr. Neil Websdale, Northern Arizona University, and Chief Jerald Monahan, Apache Junction Police Department, Chairman of the Pinal County Fatality Review Team.

Southern Arizona: Yuma

In October 2009, the heads of all law enforcement agencies in Yuma County as well as the County Attorney and representatives from the Medical Examiner, Yuma County Victim Services, Amberly's Place Crisis Response Center; Marine Corps. Family Advocacy Office; Public Defenders Office and Municipal Court met with Chief Jerold Monahan and Dr. Neil Websdale to formally organize and create the Yuma County Domestic Violence Review Team. It was agreed at this meeting that the Yuma County Attorney Jon Smith and Yuma County Sheriff Ralph Ogden would oversee the Domestic Violence Review Team. The group decided that they would form two groups one which would consist of the heads of the agencies; who would insure the way was cleared for the review team and review results, They would appoint staff who would sit on the review team. The Yuma County Attorney went before the Yuma County Board of Supervisors in October 19, 2009 and presented a resolution which they passed establishing the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team for Yuma County. On December 12, 2009 appointments were made by the Yuma County Attorney's Office to this review team. Chairs of the Review Team are Captain Eben Bratcher, Yuma County Sheriff's Office and Teresa Fox, Deputy Yuma County Attorney. A meeting has been scheduled for the end of January 2010 for the review team to discuss what case will be reviewed first as well as duties of each team member.

Priority 6: Sexual Assault:

Explore the needs / incidence of sexual assault among older victim populations.

Southern Arizona: Tucson

Emerge! works closely with the Administration of Resources and Choices whose primary population is older victims and with the Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault.

The Center Against Sexual Assault in Tucson has a program entitled Su Voz Vale, located on the south side of Tucson in a neighborhood center that serves primarily monolingual Spanish speaking

participants, most of whom are also dealing with immigration issues. Su Futuro is a satellite office of Emerge! that is located in the same neighborhood center and also serves primarily monolingual Spanish speakers, many of whom also need support with immigration issues. The staff in both programs frequently work together on specific cases and in finding and securing mutual resources for this special population of women who face many barriers to accessing resources and help.

Emerge! is an active participant on the Pima County Battered Immigrant Women's Taskforce, which is a collaboration of not only domestic and sexual abuse providers but also law enforcement and legal representatives looking at reducing barriers for immigrant women.

Southern Arizona: Yuma

Amberly's Place Director provide presentations on the services this agency provides as well as details on services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence to the senior citizens who come to spend their winters in Yuma. The Director goes to the RV parks and meets with the social groups and residents at the park. This presentation is designed to assist in taking the shame out of reporting by providing current information on laws and services as well as explaining the dynamics of sexual assault.

Priority 7: Criminal Justice:

Promote increased understanding by law enforcement of the connections between violations of orders of protection, stalking and lethality.

Administrative Offices of the Court

CIDVC maintains four seats on the committee for members of the law enforcement community. This connection serves as a channel for information exchange between the committee and the law enforcement community.

Phoenix

Beginning in 2009, the Phoenix Police Department Family Investigations Bureau, Domestic Violence Unit began monthly domestic violence briefings in every city precinct for all patrol shifts. Topics included types of domestic violence and new approaches being taken the Domestic Violence Unit to investigate domestic violence cases.

The Phoenix Police Department provided updated information on the securing and service of Orders of Protection through the PD departmental briefing bulletin, a bulletin distributed to every PD employee.

The Phoenix Police Department began piloting the use of a pocket size domestic violence screening tool with patrol officers. The goal of the tool is to identify the most dangerous domestic violence perpetrators and situations by including Isolation and Coercive Control as critical factors in determining potential risk for victims.

Forty Domestic Violence Unit detectives attended the January 2009 Stalking Conference hosted by AzCADV.

Northern Arizona: Page

Page Regional Domestic Violence Services Emergency Mobil Response Advocates work side by side with offices in Page and the Navajo Nation to provide emergency services to victims and children at

the scene and engage them in further services. Last fiscal year the Emergency Mobile Response Team responded to 178 calls.

Southern Arizona: Tucson

The partnership with the Adult Probation Department of the Superior Court related to the grant-funded Project for Accountability of Domestic Violence Probationers provides an opportunity for Emerge! staff to work closely with probation officers. This collaboration increases the understanding of domestic violence victim issues including the connection between violations of orders of protection, stalking and lethality.

Emerge! provides ongoing training for staff and volunteers in the Victim Witness Program in the Pima County Attorney's Office. These staff and volunteers accompany law enforcement officers to the scene of crimes providing support and assistance to the victims but also educating the officers about victim issues.

Other

Administrative Offices of the Court

AOC updated Project Passport forms (mandatory protection order forms) and case management systems in keeping with legislative changes.

CIDVC submitted a rule change petition to the Arizona Supreme Court to amend the Arizona Rules of Protective Order Procedure in keeping with legislative changes.

AOC provided a representative to the O'Connor House domestic violence initiative committee.

AOC provides training to court staff that process protective orders. Two units in the AOC's Court Services Division, Court Programs and Automation Services, provide training on the Arizona Rules of Protective Order Procedure, Project Passport forms, and the AZTEC case management system domestic violence module.

AOC's Education Services Division annually updates the Domestic Violence Benchbook.

Southern Arizona: Tucson

Emerge! has done an exceptional job creating and maintaining partnerships with other organizations to address the overall needs of our clients. The partnerships are critical to the healing and success of clients. The partnership for Women and Girls is a great example and includes Emerge!, the Girl Scouts and the YWCA of Tucson. The Girl Scouts have a troop in their community based office in South Tucson that is open only to participants of Emerge!. They also donated toys for the holidays for the children in their programs. The YWCA provides employment related workshops, computer training, and job coaches for Emerge! clients. Services from the YWCA are also offered in Spanish.


Southern Arizona: Yuma

Yuma County now has a trained independent forensic interviewer who can interview any victim of sexual assault 13 years and older, due to funding received by the 2009 Recover Act STOP Grant

provided to Amberly's Place. In the past, local policy in the law enforcement departments was to use a forensic interviewer if one was available, if not, a patrol officer could conduct the interview.

With the Recovery Act STOP funding a Detective does not have to be called out for a forensic interview, as the independent forensic interviewer housed at Amberly's Place can now conduct the interview. The report and copy of the interview is then supplied to the law enforcement agency of jurisdiction. The independent forensic interviewer can also provide forensic interviews for "Jane Doe" sexual assault victims if they wish to tell their story to the interviewer while waiting to decide if they want to report. This makes it possible for valuable information to be kept regarding the case.

In 2009 Amberly's Place had 4 "Jane Doe" sexual assault reports. Three of the victims later chose to report to law enforcement. Valuable forensic evidence was collected giving the victim time to deal with the trauma of the assault prior to the reporting process. One victim chose to give an interview with the independent forensic interviewer in hopes it would help her to remember some of the details of the assault. By funding an Independent Forensic Interviewer/Trainer Recovery Act STOP has insured that sexual assault victims receive the same high quality of services no matter where or when the assault happened, thus reducing stress and trauma to victims.



Law Enforcement Statistics

STATEWIDE SUMMARY OF REPORTED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICS:

ARIZONA LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE Fiscal Year 2009

The collection of domestic violence data, as outlined in the Governor's State Plan on Domestic and Sexual Violence, is a crucial element of acknowledging and intervening in the multi-dimensional issue of domestic violence throughout Arizona.

Since 1994, Arizona has collected domestic violence data from local and tribal law enforcement agencies that voluntarily submit this information to the Governor's Division for Women (DFW).

In FY 2009, 81 law enforcement agencies provided some or all of the requested data.

The following table shows the data reported for FY 2009.

Arizona's Uniform Law Enforcement Domestic Violence Statistical Report	
DATA ELEMENTS	FY 2009 Totals
1. The number of police reports generated by violations of statutes ARS 13-3601 (Domestic Violence) and ARS 13-3602 (Orders of Protection)	48,935
2. Total number of cases involving arrest(s) at the scene	21,042
a. Total number of male only arrests	12,968
b. Total number of female only arrests	4,283
c. Total number of dual arrests (male and female)	1,369
3. Total number of cases where weapons were seized pursuant to ARS 13-3606	11,542
4. Total number of cases involving arrests that were submitted to prosecutorial agency requesting criminal complaint (<i>In 2003 this data element included all cases not just those involving arrests</i>)	10,630
5. Total number of police reports where alcohol usage was noted	6,476
6. Total number of police reports where drug usage other than alcohol was noted	1,162
7. Total number of police reports where minors were present at the scene	12,099

Law Enforcement Agencies Providing Data for FY 2009 Report

Apache Junction Police Department
Arizona Department of Public Safety
Arizona State University Police Department
Arizona State Capitol Police
Benson Police Department
Bisbee Police Department
Camp Verde Marshall's Office
Central Arizona College Department of Campus Safety
Chandler Police Department
Clarkdale Police Department
Clifton Police Department
Cochise County Sheriff's Office
Coconino County Sheriff's Office
Colorado City Police Department
Coolidge Police Department
Cottonwood Police Department
Douglas Police Department
Eagar Police Department
El Mirage Police Department
Eloy Police Department
Flagstaff Police Department
Florence Police Department
Fredonia Marshall's Office
Gila County Sheriff's Office
Gilbert Police Department
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Kingman Police Department
La Paz County Sheriff's Office
Lake Havasu City Police Department
Mammoth Police Department
Marana Police Department
Mesa Police Department
Miami Police Department
Mohave County Sheriff's Office
Navajo County Sheriff's Office
Nogales Police Department

Oro Valley Police Department
Paradise Valley Police Department
Parker Police Department
Peoria Police Department
Phoenix Police Department
Pima Community College Department of Public Safety
Pima County Sheriff's Office
Pima Police Department
Pinal county Sheriff's Office
Prescott Valley Police Department
Quartzsite Marshall's Office
Safford Police Department
Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office
San Luis Police Department
Scottsdale Police Department

Sedona Police Department
Show Low Police Department
Sierra Vista Police Department
Snowflake-Taylor Police Department
Somerton Police Department
South Tucson Police Department
Springerville Police Department
Superior Police Department
Surprise Police Department
Tempe Police Department
Thatcher Police Department
Tolleson Police Department
Tombstone Marshall's Office
Tucson Police Department
University of Arizona Police Department
Wellton Police Department
Wickenburg Police Department
Willcox Police Department
Winslow Police Department Yavapai College Police Department
Yavapai College Police Department
Yavapai County Sheriff's Office
Yavapai-Prescott Tribal Police
Youngtown Police Department
Yuma Police Department

Appendix 1 – Membership List

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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Navajo Nation

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Maricopa County

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City of Phoenix/Family Advocacy Center
Maricopa County

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MIHS/ MedPro
Maricopa County

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Maricopa County

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